

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (previously presented): An apparatus for handling grape material comprising:
a support structure;
a receptacle configured to contain a grape material, the receptacle comprising:
a top opening at an upper end of the receptacle;
a lower outlet at a lower end of the receptacle; and
a screen in a lower section of the receptacle,
wherein the receptacle is rotatable, about a pivotal connection, with respect to
the support structure; and
an actuator for rotating the receptacle in a controlled manner from an upright position
in which a fluid may be contained in the receptacle to a tipped position in
which the contents of the receptacle may be emptied via the top opening.
2. (previously presented): An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
receptacle includes a collar that is pivotally connected to the support structure and wherein
the actuator rotates the collar with respect to the support structure.
3. (previously presented): An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
actuator is an hydraulic actuator.
4. (previously presented): An apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the
actuator comprises a pair of rams provided on either side of the receptacle, and wherein each
ram is connected at one end to the support structure and at another end to the receptacle at a
point away from the pivotal connection.
5. (previously presented): An apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the
hydraulic rams are connected to the collar.

6. (previously presented): An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the support structure supports a plurality of receptacles, and wherein each receptacle is configured to tip its contents into a common region.

7. (previously presented): An apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein a pair of receptacles are provided in an opposing configuration, and wherein the receptacles are configured to empty their contents into a region between the two receptacles.

8. (previously presented): A method of processing bulk quantities of grape material comprising the steps of:

- i) supplying grape material to a bulk receptacle;
- ii) allowing juice to flow from the grape material;
- iii) extracting the juice from the bulk receptacle via a lower outlet in the bulk receptacle;
- iv) tipping the bulk receptacle; and
- v) ejecting the remaining grape material through a top opening in the bulk receptacle for further processing.

9. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the bulk receptacle is tilted in a controlled manner in order to supply grape material to a receiving receptacle at a desired rate.

10. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein a plurality of bulk receptacles are employed and grape material is sequentially supplied from each bulk receptacle for further processing.

11. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the grape material ejected from the receptacle is further processed in a press.

12. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the bulk receptacle includes a screen dividing the receptacle into upper and lower sections.

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23. (previously presented): An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lower outlet is below the screen when the receptacle is in the upright position.

24. (previously presented): An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the receptacle tapers toward the top opening.